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25X1 Listed below are a number of additions to the security installations along the Austro-Czech border which have not been reported previously. They are grouped West to East according to counties (Bezirke) on the Austrian side of the border.

Bezirk Rohrbach

4. Opposite St. Oswald bei Haslach, about 1200 meters north of borderstones II/7 and II/8, a wooden watchtower 10 meters high with a covered platform was erected.

Bezirk Urfahr

2. Since the middle of August 1953, detonations have been heard in the border area of Veigetschlag, Leonfelden district. The blastings were probably made in conjunction with the cutting of narrow paths through the woods along the barbed wire obstacles near the border.

Bezirk Freistadt

3. About 400 to 500 meters from Getviny CSR, and the river Maltsh, a watchtower 10 meters high has been erected.
4. On 13 August 1963, detonations in the vicinity of Khota, CSR, shook the houses in Leopoldschlag. The purpose of the blastings is unknown.

Bezirke Gemeinde

5. North of Harbach, about 1500 meters north west of Kote 871, a 20 meter high watchtower has been erected.
6. North of Harbach, about 2000 meters north west of Kote 871, a 20-meter high watchtower has been erected.
7. In the Czechoslovakian woods opposite Litschau, detonations were heard for several days beginning 3 August 1953.
8. Opposite Litschau, 2100 meters west of Kote 545 near Hauselbrand and 25 meters south of the Svobodyn Lake, a watchtower has been erected.

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9. Insulators have been attached to the barbed wire obstacles in the Fichtenthal area, as well as along the Svobodny and Stankauer Lakes.
10. Between Fichtau (Smreha) and Kote 585 near Nova Bystrice, explosive devices in intervals of 8 to 10 meters have been placed in the barbed wire obstacles.

Bezirk Waidhofen an der Thaya

11. About 600 meters northwest of Klein Taxen, in front of the eastern edge of the woods on the "Kuhberg", about one kilometer south of Kote 672, a 20-meter-high watchtower has been erected.
12. About 1.5 kilometers north of Kote 610 and about 2 kilometers south of the Czech Kote 703, a watchtower 15 meters high has been erected.
13. About two kilometers northwest of Kote 610 and 200 meters north of the border line, a watchtower 30 meters high has been erected.
14. About 300 meters southwest of Artolec, CSR, and about 400 meters northwest of the border line, a watchtower eight meters high has been erected.
15. The watchtower on Hill 506, north of Neu Riegers, has been replaced with another one that is 10 meters high and has a covered platform. This new watchtower has a flood light and a telephone.

Bezirk Hollabrunn

16. The control clearing, which runs behind the barbed wire obstacles from Mitter Retzbach to Gnadersdorf, has been extended into the woods.

Bezirk Gaenserndorf

17. In the beginning of August, mines were exploded and the barbed wire obstacles removed in the area between Breclav and Angern.
18. About 2.5 kilometers northeast of Marchegg, in the direction of Mocarka, a 20-meter-high watchtower with three platforms has been erected.
19. About two kilometers east of the border and about 4 kilometers northwest of Kote 147, a watchtower has been erected in the U-Marboku area.
20. At the northern exit of Dimburk, about 400 meters from the border line, a watchtower 10 meters high has been erected.

25X1 Comment: German word meaning "benchmark" or "hill no...."

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